THE DECLARATION AND MESSAGE

Sent from the { Queen of *Bohemiah*, Lord *Craven*, Lord *Goring*,

And divers other Engliſh Gentlemen, reſident at the Hague in Holland, on Friday laſt, *Novemb.* 5. 1652.

To Charles the Second, Son to the late King of Great Brittain.

With the Queen of Sweden's gracious Letter; and Her Reſolution to engage for the Parliament againſt the Hollander.

Together with the Anſwer and Speech of Charles the Second, to Her Majeſties LETTER.

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Honoured Sir,

ON Friday being the fifth of this inſtant November, the Lord Craven, with divers other Engliſh Gentlemen, gave a viſit to Her Majeſty the Queen of Bohemia at the Hague, where they ſate in Councel (from 9 in the morning, till 7 in the evening) to conſult and adviſe how they might (even in this preſent Juncture of Time) propagate the Work in hand, for the moſt eaſie and facile advancing of the Intreſt of their Lord and Maſter Charles; whoſe preſent condition they much commiſerate; And indeed, it doth not a little concern them, ſince that they

they are all ballanc'd equally in the Skales of your Engliſh Judicatory. In conſideration whereof, they reſolved once more to put the Chance of the Day to its Hazard, and agreed upon a Declaration to be publiſhed in the Name of their Maſter, to invite all the loyal-hearted Engliſh throughout the United Provinces, to an engagement for Him: And in purſuance thereof, her Majeſty hath ſent a Meſſage to her Nephew Charles, importuning his Reſidence at the Hague, &c. But I can give you no account of the event thereof, by reaſon He hath not as yet returned an Anſwer.

The chief obſtruction which cauſeth the delay is ſaid to ariſe from Sweden; by reaſon that Queen Chriſtiana hath given him to underſtand by a Meſſage, That ſhe is reſolved not to put the general peace into the ballance with any particular Intereſt; neither can ſhe enter into a League Offenſive

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or defenſive with the Netherlands, conſidering the great abuſes and wrongs formerly by them ſuſtained, &c.

Further aſſuring him, that ſhe is obliged and bound by the laws of God, to advance the publike peace of her People, and to preſerve and defend Them, according to the great Truſt repoſed and committed to her Charge, againſt all Confederacies, Combinations, and particular Intereſts, that may prove dangerous and deſtructive to her Weal-publique.

Upon reading of this Meſſage, the King ſeemed to be much aſtoniſh'd, and in the preſence of the Marqueſs of Ormond, the Lord Wilmot, and divers other Gentlemen, ſtruck his hand upon his breaſt, ſaying, Heavens protect me, for verily I think I have not now a true friend in the World: Well! God's Will be done; he is all-ſufficient,

cient, and in him I wil repoſe my ſole Truſt and Confidence; therefore I will not fear what man can do againſt me.

He continues ſtill at the Palace-Royall in Paris; his Councel are very active to promote and carry on the Deſign, and M. General Maſſey is as buſie as a little Lord with the high and mighty States, to ſtir up the fire of Revenge, which lyes glowing in the Embers throughout the United Provinces.

We hear that the Engliſh are ſtill at Portelongone, where the Dutch have got leave to come in, upon pretence, ſay they, to bury ſome eminent perſons among them killed in the late fight; having permiſſion to bury their dead, they have interred 8 of their Commanders, among which the Vice Admiral is ſaid to be one, with 3 Captains; the Engliſh General having deſired the Go-

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vernour of that place to furniſh him with ſom pouder and ſhot for his money, he hath excuſed himſelf of a non-poſſibility, whereupon the ſame hath been ſupplied by way of Porto Ferraro.

The two Squadrons of Engliſh and Dutch do remain very quiet in the Harbor, not offering the leaſt act of Hoſtility one to the other, onely that the Trumpeters of each party do daily ſound ſeverall Challenges each to the other, to provoke them to fight; the which to prevent, the Governour hath cauſed more Guns to be planted upon the two Bulworks that command the Harbour, to double the Watch, and moreover hath ſent ſeveral braſs-pieces of Ordnanee to the Town of Piombino.

Great are the preparations for War throughout all the Provinces; but the moſt active and forward to engage are the Engliſh: Yet there is a people who are loath to run the hazard of War, knowing that it is not a little Ghelt muſt feed the flame, and want of Trade will ſoon make a hole in the bottom of their purſes. And ſo I leave them between Hope and Deſpair: God knows the future Events, and not I.

Leyden. 7 Novemb. ſtilo novo.

On Munday being the eighth of this inſtant, we received intelligence, That Sir George Carteret is very buſie with his Pickeroons upon the Weſtern Coaſt, ſeizing divers ſmall Veſſels, but ſometimes they ſnap ſhort of their prey; and inſtead of prize receive ſhipwrack. Amongſt the reſt, a gallant ſhip richly laden with plunder'd Plate, and other famous Commodities, was bulg'd upon the Sands neer Corum in Kent, and became a prey to the Inhabitants thereabouts: ſhe is by eſtimation deemed to be worth forty thouſand pounds.

Two hundred ſail of Colliers are now bound from Newcaſtle for London; they put forth on the third of November, and are daily expected at the Hope.

General Blake maintains the Weſtern ſeas, and expects the coming forth of the Dutch Fleet very ſuddenly. Vantrump hath tendered an Oath to all his Officers and Sea-men; and unanimouſly they have vow'd to diſpute their Quarrel upon the Neptune Ocean to the laſt man. But it is the Muzzle of the Canon, and not ſuch Squibs muſt reſolve our Caſe.

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